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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed information are also enclosed. The undersigned first became aware of the cited patents by their inclusion in an International Search Report issued by the ISA/EP on March 4, 2004, the PCT counterpart of the present application. A copy of the search report is enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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